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REMARKS

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1. In mid-February 1961, a Soviet senior lieutenant told source that the Thueringische Ackerbauschule (Thuringian agricultural school) in Jena (M 51/I 61) housed a Soviet division headquarters whose commanding general was General Sergiyugin, (fnu), and whose political officer was Major Bach/ev, (fnu).
2. Officers in the barracks installation in Jena-Loebstedt, who were attending German language classes included Majors Tsaplya, (fnu), Yefishenko, (fnu), Ivan Priglavko, Zemyonov, (fnu); Captains Kusyma, (fnu), Nikolai Kitranov; Senior lieutenants Zaitsev, (fnu), Mavrishkin, (fnu), N.A. Avshenko, Vasili Vasiliyevich Vasiliyev; and Lieutenant Zinipupov, (fnu). All officers referred to themselves as "Tankists". Commanding officer in the barracks installation was Lieutenant Colonel Zhelesnov, (fnu). Source saw an envelope [REDACTED] on Zhelesnov's desk. A postcard addressed to a soldier [REDACTED] and postmarked 19 January 1961, was found in a classroom at the end of February. One Ivakina, (fnu), a 26-year-old Soviet woman, instructed high-ranking officers and MVD officers in German herself. The troops in the installation received intensive drill and physical training during the day, and indoctrination until 11 p.m. German language courses were planned for three years ahead. Following an inspection by a high-ranking officer at the beginning of March, the monotonous activity of the barracks installation was superseded by unusually intensive training activities. A continuous movement of units engaged in field training has been observed since that time.
3. According to a Soviet officer, the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen quartered an SP artillery unit, a tank unit, an armored reconnaissance unit, an artillery unit, and an infantry unit. The troops were commanded by Colonel Kusmin, (fnu). Source observed troops training with several SP guns, armored reconnaissance cars, 6 AT guns, 4 AA guns, and some heavy machine guns mounting AA sights. Vehicles [REDACTED] were identified in the billeting area. *

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General Zeryugin, (fnu), reportedly the commanding general of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, may have been Gds Major General M. P. Zeryugin who was identified as the commanding general of the 89th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in December 1946. [REDACTED] the Hq 20th Gds

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Mecz Div. [REDACTED] confirms the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Eberswalde until 1st January 1951.

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